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In re the Application of:

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For: HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE OIL-IMPREGNATED SINTERED BEARING

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

September 26, 2000

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 30, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 11 and 17 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A hydrodynamic type oil-impregnated sintered bearing, comprising: a porous bearing body of sintered metal having a bearing surface opposed to a sliding surface of a rotating shaft to be supported via a bearing clearance, and hydrodynamic pressure generating grooves [slating] slanting against an axial direction provided in the bearing surface; and lubricating oil or lubricating grease impregnated in pores inside the bearing body, wherein